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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you for taking time to begin reading this newsletter. I hope you can take an extra few minutes to **send me an idea or two of your own** along with this short survey. As I can feel the frost while walking my dog each morning, I know it's time to work on problem-solving for the 2004 Legislature. Since common-sense solutions often come from friends like you at home, I'm eager to hear from you.

My top priority next year will be **preserving and creating jobs**. Highly capable leaders in business, labor and government joined together to form a Washington Competitiveness Council. They developed a list of legislative changes needed to rebuild a healthy economy in our state. I'm happy to report we made several positive changes this year. Unfortunately, many of the needed changes failed to pass both the House and the Senate. I believe it's time to move beyond partisan politics so we can preserve jobs and create new ones. Every vital state service is paid for through taxes collected from individuals and job providers.

Progress on education issues is encouraging. The four caucus leads for the state (two Senators, one Chairman and I) are meeting regularly with the governor's office to work out our differences. **Resolving differences** in the Legislature can often be contentious. I'm confident, with sound guiding principles, the willingness to consider new solutions and the commitment of time, we can do the job. I believe that by January 12 we'll be ready to present proposals to the full Legislature.

On a more personal note, **thank you** for all the caring cards, calls, letters and e-mails you've sent following my mother's death. Her zeal and your support inspires me to continue serving in the Legislature. Your support touched my heart. Thank you!

Call me at home anytime, 564-9779. Remember that once the Legislature begins in January I'll be working long days and late nights, so Colleen Morse (360-786-7890) will hand me your messages or you can use the free "hotline" **1-800-562-6000**. Our Bridgeport office will close while Rep. Mike Carrell and I are in Olympia full time. We'll bring the computer back and open up the office once the Legislature finishes its work.

Gratefully,

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